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EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

This bulletin contains estimates of the civilian labour force derived from the population survey, which is now conducted monthly. Until February 1978, surveys were conducted in February, May, August and November each year.

2. A summary of the survey results is published in advance of this more detailed bulletin in *The Labour Force (Preliminary)* (6202.0). Preliminary unemployment estimates are also issued in advance of this publication in *Unemployment, Preliminary Estimates* (6201.0).

3. Although emphasis in the survey is placed on the regular collection of data on demographic and labour force characteristics of the population, supplementary surveys of particular aspects of the labour force or of other subjects are carried out from time to time. Statistics from supplementary surveys are published in bulletins which are available free on request. A list of titles is given on page 20.

The population survey

4. The survey is based on a multi-stage area sample of private dwellings (about 30,000 houses, flats, etc.) and non-private dwellings (hotels, motels, etc.), and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. The information is obtained from the occupants of selected dwellings by carefully chosen and specially trained interviewers, the interviews being conducted during the two weeks beginning on the Monday between the 6th and 12th of each month. The information obtained relates to the week before the interview (i.e. the survey week). Before February 1978 the interviews were spread over four weeks, chosen so that the survey weeks generally fell within the limits of the calendar month.

Scope

5. The survey includes all persons aged fifteen years and over except :

- (a) members of the permanent defence forces
- (b) certain diplomatic personnel of overseas governments, customarily excluded from census and estimated populations
- (c) non-Australians on tour or holidaying in Australia, and
- (d) members of non-Australian defence forces (and their dependants) stationed in Australia.

Definitions

6. The labour force category to which a person is assigned depends on his *actual activity* (i.e. whether working, looking for work, etc.) during the survey week. The following definitions relate only to those persons within the scope of the survey.

7. *Employed persons* comprise all those aged 15 years and over who, during the survey week :

- (a) worked for one hour or more for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind in a job or business, or on a farm (including employees, employers and self-employed persons); or
- (b) worked for 15 hours or more without pay in a family business or on a farm (i.e. unpaid family helper); or
- (c) were employees who had a job but were not at work and were : on paid leave; on leave without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; stood down without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week; on strike or locked out; on workers' compensation and expected to be returning to their job; or receiving wages or salary while undertaking full-time study; or
- (d) were employers or self-employed persons who had a job, business or farm, but were not at work.

8. *Unemployed persons* are those aged 15 years and over who were not employed during the survey week, and

- (a) had actively looked for full-time or part-time work at any time in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week and :
 - (i) were available for work in the survey week, or would have been available except for temporary illness (i.e. lasting for less than four weeks to the end of the survey week); or
 - (ii) were waiting to start a new job within four weeks from the end of the survey week and would have started in the survey week if the job had been available then;
- or (b) were waiting to be called back to a full-time or part-time job from which they had been stood down without pay for less than four weeks up to the end of the survey week (including the whole of the survey week) for reasons other than bad weather or plant breakdown.

9. *Unemployed persons looking for first job* are those who had never worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job.

10. The *unemployment rate* for any group is the number unemployed expressed as a percentage of the labour force (i.e. employed plus unemployed) in the same group.

11. The *labour force* comprises all persons who, during the survey week, were employed or unemployed, as defined in paragraphs 7 and 8.

12. The *labour force participation rate* for any group is the labour force expressed as a percentage of the civilian population aged 15 years and over in the same group. Because it is not practicable to ascertain the birthplace of persons in institutions (who are classified as not in the labour force), labour force participation rates for persons classified by birthplace are calculated by using population estimates which exclude those in institutions.

13. *Full-time workers* are those who usually work 35 hours a week or more and others who, although usually part-time workers, worked 35 hours or more during the survey week. *Part-time workers* are those who usually work less than 35 hours a week and who did so during the survey week. When recording hours of work, fractions of an hour are disregarded.

14. *Hours of work.* The figures of aggregate hours and of average hours refer to actual hours worked during the survey week, not hours paid for. The figures may be affected by public holidays, leave, absenteeism; temporary absence from work due to sickness, injury, accident and industrial disputes; and stoppages of work due to bad weather, plant breakdown etc. When hours of work are recorded fractions of an hour are disregarded and this results in slightly lower figures than would be the case if actual time worked was recorded. Persons stood down for the whole of the survey week without pay because of bad weather or plant breakdown at their place of employment are regarded as employed and therefore are included (working no hours) in the calculation of average hours worked. Persons stood down in the survey week for reasons other than bad weather and plant breakdown and waiting to be called back to their job are regarded as unemployed and are therefore excluded from the calculation.

15. *Persons not in the labour force* are those who, during the survey week, were not in the categories 'employed' or 'unemployed'. This category includes persons who were keeping house (unpaid), attending an educational institution (school, university, etc.), retired, voluntarily inactive, permanently unable to work, inmates of institutions, trainee teachers, members of contemplative religious orders, and persons whose only activity during the survey week was jury service or unpaid voluntary work for a charitable organisation, provided they had not actively looked for work in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week, and

- (a) in the survey week :
 - (i) were without a job, business or farm; or
 - (ii) had worked for less than one hour for pay, profit, commission or payment in kind; or
 - (iii) had worked for less than 15 hours without pay in a family business or farm;
- or (b) had been stood down without pay for four weeks or more up to the end of the survey week.

16. Although the wording of the above definitions of employed persons and unemployed persons is different from that appearing in issues of this bulletin prior to February 1978, the changes were made mainly for clarity; they do not signify any change of substance in the definitions, which still conform to the international standard definitions specified by the I.L.O.

Classification of industry and occupation

17. Industry is classified according to the *Australian Standard Industrial Classification (ASIC)* and occupation according to the *Classification and Classified List of Occupations, Revised June 1971*.

Revision of series

18. *Population benchmarks.* The population survey estimates are calculated in such a way as to conform to the independently estimated distribution of the population by age and sex. As a consequence, whenever these population "benchmarks" are revised it becomes necessary to revise the labour force estimates also.

19. Survey estimates from August 1974 are based on revised population estimates derived from the 1971 and 1976 population census results adjusted for underenumeration. For information concerning these population estimates see *Population and Vital Statistics : June Quarter 1977* (3212.0).

20. Survey estimates for February 1978 and subsequent months have been obtained by using a new sample and revised questionnaire. In order to provide a series for earlier periods as comparable as possible with the February 1978 and later estimates, the survey estimates for the period August 1974 to November 1977 have been revised.

21. Revised estimates for the period August 1976 to November 1977 were published in the February 1978 issue of this bulletin, which also contains information concerning the methods used in the revision. For periods prior to August 1976 detailed revised estimates are available for August of each year. For February, May and November only broad revised aggregates (as in Table 1) are available.

22. *The new sample and revised questionnaire.* The new sample was selected in order to reflect the changes in the distribution of the population shown by the 1976 Population Census results. The questionnaire, which had undergone little change since 1960 except for the inclusion in 1975 of additional questions on job-seeking, was revised to provide more accurate and more detailed information concerning the labour force.

23. Copies of both the current questionnaire and the one previously used, together with a description of the main features of the questionnaire, are contained in *Information Paper : Questionnaires used in the Labour Force Survey* (6232.0) issued on 17 March 1978.

Comparability of series

24. When comparing estimates for February 1978 and subsequent months with those for earlier periods it should be noted that with the introduction of monthly

surveys the interviews are now conducted during a two-week period, whereas formerly the period was four weeks. (See paragraph 4.) This change of timing may affect the level of the figures for any month, but particularly for months during which unemployment may be changing rapidly.

25. Because of the revisions, the estimates in this bulletin are not comparable with those shown in issues before February 1978. Revised figures for periods before August 1974 will be published as soon as they become available.

26. Discontinuities in earlier series are explained in issues of this bulletin prior to February 1978.

Reliability of the estimates

27. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings they are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. An indication of the likely differences is given in the Technical Note, page 18.

Differences between population census and population survey estimates

28. The results of the 1971 population census, which have been published in a series of bulletins entitled *Summary of Population* (2221.0-2229.0), show that the census labour force estimates differ substantially from the corresponding estimates derived from the population surveys of May and August 1971.

29. The labour force definition used in the population census is similar to that used in the survey (see paragraphs 6 to 16). However, evidence from census post-enumeration surveys indicates that the personal interview approach, as used in the population survey, tends to identify a larger number of persons as being in the labour force than does the filling in of the questions on the census schedule by the householder, and that this tendency increased between the 1966 and 1971 censuses.

30. These considerations should be borne in mind if comparisons of the total labour force or of labour force participation rates are made between the 1971 census and the 1971 labour force survey estimates.

Seasonally adjusted estimates

31. The move to the higher level of unemployment since 1974 appears to have been accompanied by shifts in the pattern of seasonal variation. For this reason the publication of seasonally adjusted figures of unemployment was suspended as from November 1977. The matter will be kept under review.

32. Seasonally adjusted quarterly estimates of employed persons, the labour force and labour force participation rates are published in the February, May, August and November issues. Calculation of seasonally adjusted monthly figures will not be possible until results of monthly surveys for two or three years are available.

Additional tables

33. Certain tables are included in only some issues of this bulletin, as shown below.

February, May, August and November —

Average weekly hours worked : Industry and occupation

Employed married women : Industry and hours worked

Unemployment rates : Industry and occupation

Seasonally adjusted series.

The following tables are available for February, May, August and November but are published only for the months shown.

February —

Employed persons —

Industry and marital status

Industry and birthplace

Occupation and marital status

Occupation and birthplace.

May —

Employed persons : Occupation — major and minor groups.

August —

Employed persons : Industry by occupation.

Related publications

34. Users may also wish to refer to the following publications which are available on request :

Unemployment : Preliminary Estimates (6201.0)

The Labour Force (Preliminary) (6202.0)

Information Paper : Questionnaires used in the Labour Force Survey (6232.0)

Employment and Unemployment (6213.0)

Publications listed on page 20.

All publications produced by the ABS are listed in *Catalogue of Publications 1977* (1101.0), which is available free of charge from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 5, page 18.

† Affected by industrial dispute.

n.a. Not available.

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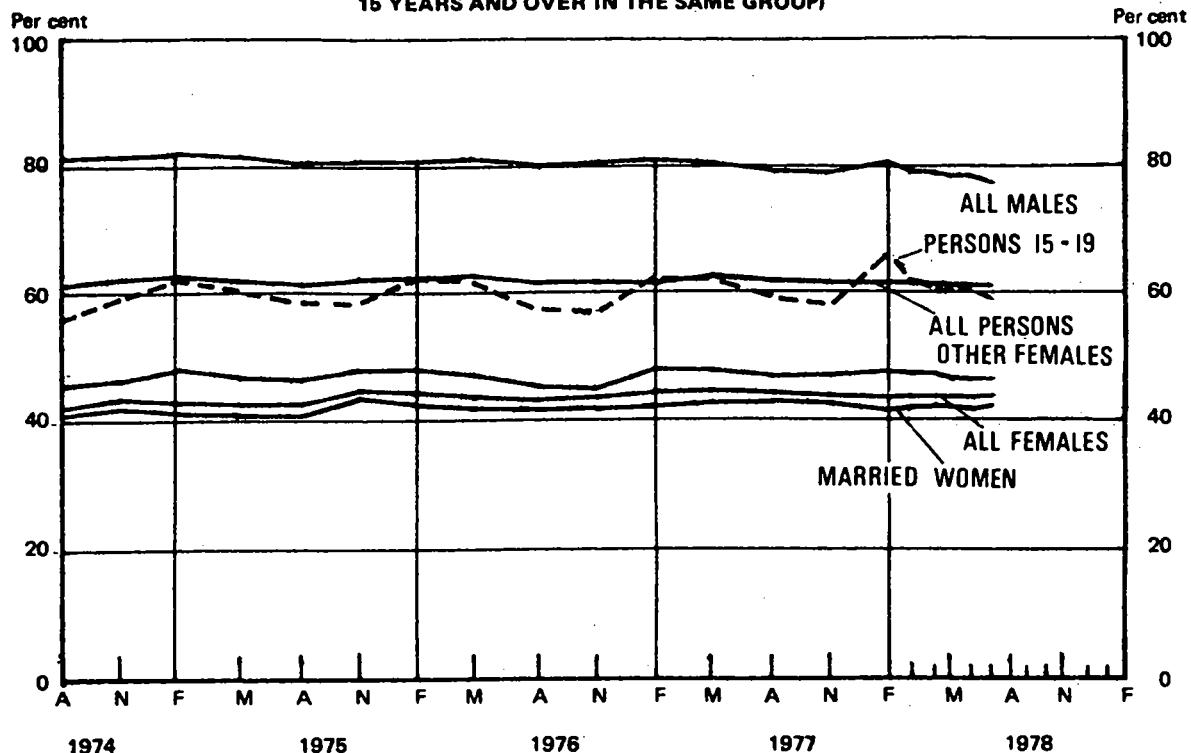
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Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES

(THE LABOUR FORCE IN EACH GROUP AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER IN THE SAME GROUP)



NOTE. From February 1978 the population survey has been conducted monthly. Previously, surveys were conducted in February, May, August and November each year.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

(THE UNEMPLOYED IN EACH GROUP AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE IN THE SAME GROUP)

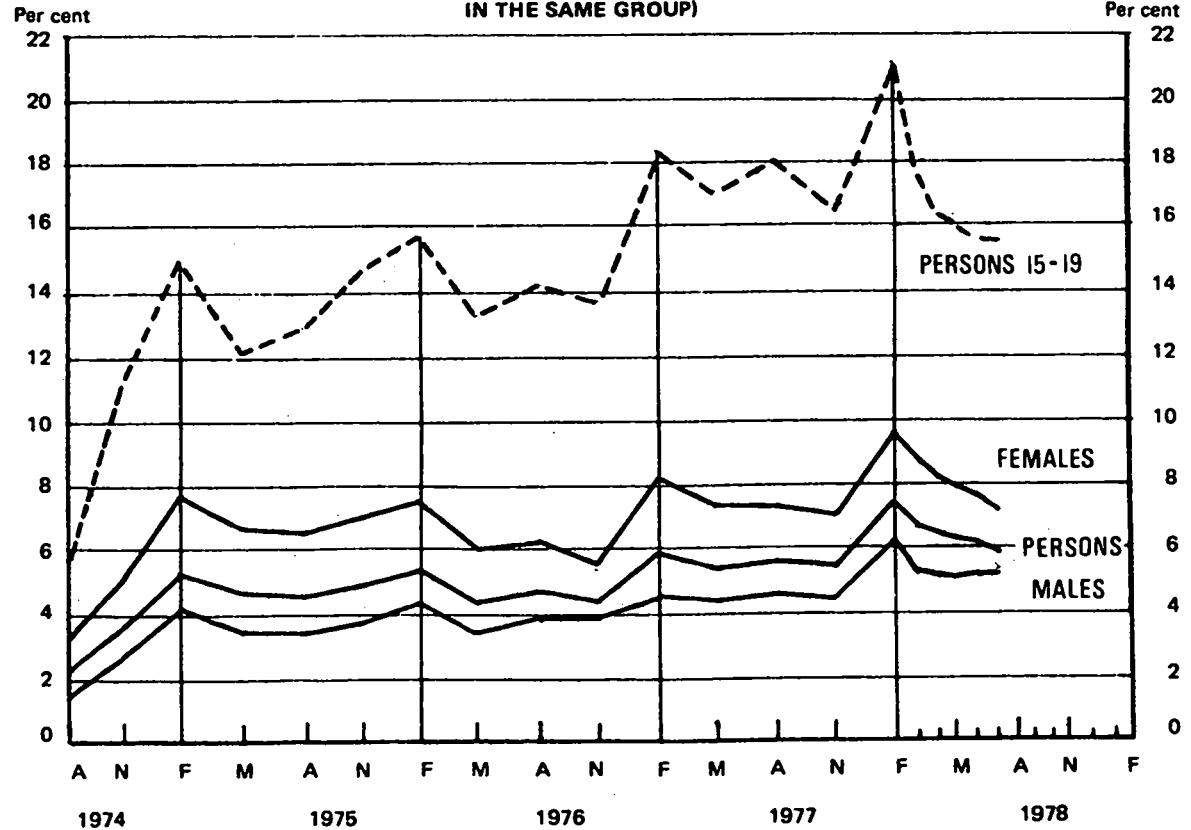


TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS (a)

Month	Employed	Unemployed						Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate									
		Looking for full-time work		Total	Looking for part-time work		Labour force												
		Aged 15-19 years looking for first job	Total		Total	Total													
- '000 -																			
MALES																			
1974 -																			
August †	3,847.1	*	60.0	7.9	67.9	3,914.9	920.5	4,835.4	1.7	81.0									
November	3,843.7	n.a.	94.2	19.4	113.5	3,957.2	905.2	4,862.4	2.9	81.4									
1975 -																			
February	3,829.4	n.a.	149.0	17.0	166.0	3,995.4	876.1	4,871.5	4.2	82.0									
May	3,839.4	n.a.	127.8	16.7	144.4	3,983.8	915.2	4,899.0	3.6	81.3									
August	3,820.6	10.2	122.5	16.3	138.8	3,959.4	956.6	4,916.0	3.5	80.5									
November	3,835.3	n.a.	132.5	17.7	150.2	3,985.5	950.7	4,936.2	3.8	80.7									
1976 -																			
February	3,863.3	n.a.	151.9	19.9	171.7	4,035.0	922.0	4,957.0	4.3	81.4									
May	3,886.9	n.a.	127.2	14.6	141.8	4,028.6	947.6	4,976.2	3.5	81.0									
August †	3,836.3	14.7	142.7	13.9	156.6	3,992.9	1,000.1	4,993.0	3.9	80.0									
November	3,866.0	17.3	137.6	17.6	155.2	4,021.2	991.8	5,012.9	3.9	80.2									
1977 -																			
February	3,890.2	21.8	166.1	20.0	186.1	4,076.2	963.1	5,039.4	4.6	80.9									
May	3,891.5	13.4	163.0	21.7	184.7	4,076.2	985.8	5,062.0	4.5	80.5									
August	3,866.8	12.6	168.5	21.6	190.1	4,056.9	1,024.9	5,081.8	4.7	79.8									
November	3,867.3	16.2	165.1	18.0	183.1	4,050.4	1,055.7	5,106.1	4.5	79.3									
1978 -																			
February (b)	3,857.4	40.2	235.4	19.5	255.0	4,112.4	1,023.2	5,135.6	6.2	80.1									
March	3,870.1	26.1	200.2	17.3	217.6	4,087.6	1,056.6	5,144.2	5.3	79.5									
April	3,867.7	21.9	196.2	14.6	210.9	4,078.5	1,073.9	5,152.4	5.2	79.2									
May	3,863.5	18.0	194.8	14.4	209.1	4,072.6	1,087.2	5,159.8	5.1	78.9									
June	3,860.0	16.7	205.4	11.3	216.7	4,076.7	1,091.0	5,167.7	5.3	78.9									
July	3,848.2	14.1	202.4	8.7	211.1	4,059.3	1,114.8	5,174.1	5.2	78.5									
Standard error of -																			
July estimates	13.5	1.7	5.2	1.3	5.2	13.8	9.3	..	0.1	0.3									
June to July movement	9.6	1.8	4.3	1.6	4.4	9.7	7.0	..	0.1	0.2									
MARRIED WOMEN																			
1974 -																			
August †	1,302.6	*	23.8	21.4	45.3	1,347.8	1,964.1	3,311.9	3.4	40.7									
November	1,329.5	n.a.	36.6	25.7	62.4	1,391.9	1,934.3	3,326.2	4.5	41.8									
1975 -																			
February	1,275.3	n.a.	51.0	39.1	90.1	1,365.4	1,952.1	3,317.5	6.6	41.2									
May	1,289.6	n.a.	40.8	37.6	78.5	1,368.0	1,964.3	3,332.3	5.7	41.1									
August	1,303.6	*	38.4	29.6	68.0	1,371.7	1,965.2	3,336.9	5.0	41.1									
November	1,361.4	n.a.	39.3	43.4	82.7	1,444.0	1,891.1	3,335.1	5.7	43.3									
1976 -																			
February	1,343.3	n.a.	42.5	43.8	86.4	1,429.6	1,935.6	3,365.3	6.0	42.5									
May	1,346.6	n.a.	32.2	30.8	63.0	1,409.6	1,956.0	3,365.5	4.5	41.9									
August †	1,337.8	*	34.4	28.8	63.2	1,400.9	1,975.9	3,376.8	4.5	41.5									
November	1,361.6	*	27.0	24.3	51.4	1,412.9	1,968.9	3,381.8	3.6	41.8									
1977 -																			
February	1,355.5	*	42.2	40.5	82.8	1,438.3	1,963.3	3,401.6	5.8	42.3									
May	1,382.0	*	42.7	31.9	74.6	1,456.6	1,950.4	3,407.0	5.1	42.8									
August	1,374.5	*	42.0	34.7	76.8	1,451.2	1,953.5	3,404.7	5.3	42.6									
November	1,368.9	*	34.4	33.4	67.7	1,436.6	1,963.7	3,400.3	4.7	42.3									
1978 -																			
February (b)	1,320.9	*	53.2	39.6	92.8	1,413.6	1,994.4	3,408.1	6.6	41.5									
March	1,352.8	*	50.7	37.6	88.3	1,441.1	1,958.2	3,399.3	6.1	42.4									
April	1,354.0	*	47.5	35.4	82.9	1,437.0	1,956.2	3,393.2	5.8	42.4									
May	1,356.5	*	49.8	34.1	83.9	1,440.4	1,958.7	3,399.1	5.8	42.4									
June	1,345.4	*	46.0	34.5	80.5	1,425.9	1,977.6	3,403.5	5.6	41.9									
July	1,368.7	*	44.1	28.2	72.4	1,441.1	1,967.8	3,408.9	5.0	42.3									
Standard error of -																			
July estimates	9.8	..	2.8	2.3	3.5	10.0	11.1	..	0.2	0.3									
June to July movement	7.4	..	2.6	2.3	3.2	7.4	8.1	..	0.2	0.2									

For footnotes see next page.

TABLE 1. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS (a) - continued

Month	Employed	Unemployed						Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate											
		Looking for full-time work		Total	Looking for part-time work	Total	Labour force														
		Aged 15-19 years looking for first job	Total																		
- '000 -																					
ALL FEMALES																					
1974 -																					
August †	2,008.1	7.1	45.8	27.2	73.1	2,081.2	2,851.8	4,933.0	3.5	42.2											
November	2,045.8	n.a.	76.8	35.7	112.5	2,158.2	2,800.4	4,958.6	5.2	43.5											
1975 -																					
February	1,998.4	n.a.	113.3	53.9	167.1	2,165.6	2,812.5	4,978.0	7.7	43.5											
May	2,012.3	n.a.	92.2	51.6	143.8	2,156.1	2,845.2	5,001.2	6.7	43.1											
August	2,020.8	19.2	93.0	46.6	139.7	2,160.3	2,859.6	5,019.9	6.5	43.0											
November	2,109.5	n.a.	99.9	60.0	159.9	2,269.4	2,775.7	5,045.1	7.0	45.0											
1976 -																					
February	2,085.5	n.a.	105.7	64.7	170.4	2,255.9	2,813.2	5,069.1	7.6	44.5											
May	2,095.5	n.a.	86.7	47.4	134.1	2,229.6	2,860.4	5,090.0	6.0	43.8											
August †	2,061.5	16.8	94.1	42.0	136.1	2,197.6	2,909.8	5,107.4	6.2	43.0											
November	2,089.0	18.3	87.4	38.9	126.3	2,215.3	2,914.9	5,130.2	5.7	43.2											
1977 -																					
February	2,095.1	27.2	124.4	61.8	186.2	2,281.3	2,874.0	5,155.3	8.2	44.3											
May	2,132.7	16.1	112.8	56.3	169.1	2,301.8	2,878.4	5,180.2	7.3	44.4											
August	2,128.6	17.5	114.8	54.4	169.2	2,297.8	2,904.3	5,202.1	7.4	44.2											
November	2,128.2	16.8	112.4	51.4	163.7	2,291.9	2,935.3	5,227.2	7.1	43.8											
1978 -																					
February (b)	2,074.8	40.5	160.3	61.8	222.1	2,296.9	2,961.8	5,258.7	9.7	43.7											
March	2,117.8	30.7	145.4	57.3	202.7	2,320.5	2,947.5	5,268.0	8.7	44.0											
April	2,136.1	24.5	137.3	53.0	190.3	2,326.4	2,951.7	5,278.0	8.2	44.1											
May	2,135.3	23.9	136.8	49.3	186.2	2,321.4	2,964.5	5,285.9	8.0	43.9											
June	2,131.9	18.0	125.2	50.5	175.6	2,307.5	2,987.6	5,295.1	7.6	43.6											
July	2,149.8	17.8	123.0	43.9	166.9	2,316.8	2,984.8	5,301.6	7.2	43.7											
Standard error of -																					
July estimates	11.4	1.9	4.2	2.8	4.7	11.7	12.5	..	0.2	0.2											
June to July movement	8.3	1.9	3.7	2.7	4.1	8.4	9.0	..	0.2	0.2											
PERSONS																					
1974 -																					
August †	5,855.2	11.1	105.8	35.1	140.9	5,996.1	3,772.3	9,768.4	2.4	61.4											
November	5,889.5	n.a.	171.0	55.0	226.0	6,115.5	3,705.6	9,821.0	3.7	62.3											
1975 -																					
February	5,827.8	n.a.	262.3	70.8	333.2	6,160.9	3,688.6	9,849.5	5.4	62.6											
May	5,851.6	n.a.	220.0	68.2	288.2	6,139.8	3,760.4	9,900.2	4.7	62.0											
August	5,841.3	29.4	215.5	62.9	278.4	6,119.7	3,816.2	9,935.9	4.6	61.6											
November	5,944.8	n.a.	232.4	77.7	310.1	6,254.9	3,726.4	9,981.3	5.0	62.7											
1976 -																					
February	5,948.8	n.a.	257.6	84.6	342.1	6,290.9	3,735.2	10,026.1	5.4	62.7											
May	5,982.3	n.a.	213.8	62.0	275.9	6,258.2	3,808.0	10,066.2	4.4	62.2											
August †	5,897.8	31.5	236.8	55.9	292.7	6,190.5	3,909.8	10,100.4	4.7	61.3											
November	5,955.0	35.6	225.0	56.5	281.5	6,236.5	3,906.7	10,143.2	4.5	61.5											
1977 -																					
February	5,985.2	49.0	290.5	81.8	372.3	6,357.5	3,837.1	10,194.6	5.9	62.4											
May	6,024.2	29.5	275.8	78.0	353.8	6,378.0	3,864.2	10,242.2	5.5	62.3											
August	5,995.4	30.1	283.3	76.0	359.3	6,354.7	3,929.2	10,283.9	5.7	61.8											
November	5,995.4	33.0	277.4	69.4	346.8	6,342.2	3,991.0	10,333.2	5.5	61.4											
1978 -																					
February (b)	5,932.3	80.6	395.8	81.3	477.0	6,409.3	3,985.0	10,394.3	7.4	61.7											
March	5,987.9	56.8	345.7	74.6	420.3	6,408.1	4,004.1	10,412.2	6.6	61.5											
April	6,003.8	46.5	333.5	67.6	401.1	6,404.9	4,025.6	10,430.5	6.3	61.4											
May	5,998.7	41.8	331.6	63.7	395.3	6,394.0	4,051.7	10,445.7	6.2	61.2											
June	5,991.9	34.6	330.5	61.8	392.3	6,384.2	4,078.6	10,462.8	6.1	61.0											
July	5,998.1	31.9	325.4	52.6	378.0	6,376.1	4,099.6	10,475.7	5.9	60.9											
Standard error of -																					
July estimates	15.5	2.4	6.0	3.0	6.4	15.8	13.9	..	0.1	0.2											
June to July movement	10.7	2.4	5.0	2.9	5.3	10.9	10.2	..	0.1	0.1											

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 5. For definitions see paragraphs 6 to 16. For information on standard errors see Technical Note, page 18.

(b) First of monthly series. See paragraph 4 for details of change in timing of the survey.

* Less than 4,500. See paragraph 5, page 18.

TABLE 2. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS AND MARITAL STATUS, JULY 1978 (a)

Employed	Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
	Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total					
	- '000 -							
Males -								
Married	2,731.5	77.2	*	79.1	2,810.6	583.1	3,393.7	2.8
Other (b)	1,116.7	125.2	6.8	132.0	1,248.7	531.7	1,780.3	10.6
Total	3,848.2	202.4	8.7	211.1	4,059.3	1,114.8	5,174.1	5.2
Females -								
Married	1,368.7	44.1	28.2	72.4	1,441.1	1,967.8	3,408.9	5.0
Other (b)	781.1	78.9	15.7	94.5	875.7	1,017.0	1,892.7	10.8
Total	2,149.8	123.0	43.9	166.9	2,316.8	2,984.8	5,301.6	7.2
Persons	5,998.1	325.4	52.6	378.0	6,376.1	4,099.6	10,475.7	5.9
								- per cent -

* Less than 4,500. See paragraph 5, page 18.

For footnotes see below.

TABLE 3. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS, STATES AND TERRITORIES, JULY 1978 (a)

State or Territory	Employed	Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate				
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total									
		- '000 -											
MALES													
N.S.W.	1,341.7	70.5	*	72.4	1,414.1	412.0	1,826.1	5.1	77.4				
Vic.	1,045.1	41.2	*	43.3	1,088.4	288.4	1,376.8	4.0	79.1				
Qld	570.9	37.3	*	38.2	609.1	177.5	786.7	6.3	77.4				
S.A.	353.1	23.6	*	24.7	377.8	96.9	474.7	6.5	79.6				
W.A.	336.2	19.6	*	21.2	357.4	91.4	448.8	5.9	79.6				
Tas.	111.0	6.8	*	7.0	118.0	31.2	149.2	5.9	79.1				
N.T.	32.7	*	*	*	33.8	7.3	41.1	*	82.2				
A.C.T.	57.4	2.4	*	3.2	60.6	10.1	70.7	5.3	85.7				
Australia	3,848.2	202.4	8.7	211.1	4,059.3	1,114.8	5,174.1	5.2	78.5				
FEMALES													
N.S.W.	755.8	45.1	13.5	58.6	814.3	1,076.1	1,890.4	7.2	43.1				
Vic.	593.7	32.2	14.2	46.4	640.1	785.0	1,425.1	7.2	44.9				
Qld	296.7	17.3	6.1	23.5	320.2	479.6	799.8	7.3	40.0				
S.A.	206.5	11.7	3.3	15.0	221.5	268.2	489.7	6.8	45.2				
W.A.	187.7	11.5	3.8	15.3	203.0	236.8	439.8	7.5	46.2				
Tas.	54.8	3.4	*	4.5	59.3	92.3	151.6	7.5	39.1				
N.T.	14.2	*	*	*	15.0	16.7	31.6	*	47.3				
A.C.T.	40.4	*	*	2.9	43.4	30.1	73.5	6.8	59.0				
Australia	2,149.8	123.0	43.9	166.9	2,316.8	2,984.8	5,301.6	7.2	43.7				
PERSONS													
N.S.W.	2,097.5	115.5	15.5	131.0	2,228.5	1,488.1	3,716.5	5.9	60.0				
Vic.	1,638.8	73.3	16.3	89.7	1,728.5	1,073.4	2,801.9	5.2	61.7				
Qld	867.7	54.6	7.1	61.7	929.3	657.1	1,586.4	6.6	58.6				
S.A.	559.6	35.2	4.5	39.7	599.3	365.1	964.4	6.6	62.1				
W.A.	523.9	31.2	5.3	36.5	560.4	328.2	888.6	6.5	63.1				
Tas.	165.8	10.2	*	11.4	177.3	123.5	300.8	6.5	58.9				
N.T.	46.9	*	*	*	48.8	24.0	72.8	*	67.0				
A.C.T.	97.9	3.5	2.7	6.2	104.0	40.2	144.2	5.9	72.1				
Australia	5,998.1	325.4	52.6	378.0	6,376.1	4,099.6	10,475.7	5.9	60.9				

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 5. For definitions see paragraphs 6 to 16. (b) Never married, widowed and divorced.

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 5, page 18.

TABLE 4. CIVILIAN POPULATION AGED 15 YEARS AND OVER, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS,
STATE CAPITAL CITIES, JULY 1978 (a)

Capital City	Employed	Unemployed			Labour force	Not in labour force	Civilian population aged 15 years and over	Unemployment rate	Participation rate
		Looking for full-time work	Looking for part-time work	Total				- '000 -	
MALES									
Sydney	850.8	41.4	*	43.3	894.1	260.1	1,154.2	4.8	77.5
Melbourne	744.1	29.9	*	31.6	775.7	207.5	983.2	4.1	78.9
Brisbane	263.7	17.2	*	17.7	281.4	81.0	362.4	6.3	77.6
Adelaide	246.9	18.3	*	19.1	266.0	75.9	341.9	7.2	77.8
Perth	224.5	15.0	*	16.0	240.5	67.3	307.8	6.7	78.1
Hobart	44.9	2.1	*	2.1	47.1	13.1	60.1	4.5	78.3
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,374.9</i>	<i>123.9</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>129.7</i>	<i>2,504.7</i>	<i>705.0</i>	<i>3,209.6</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>78.0</i>
FEMALES									
Sydney	526.6	23.7	8.0	31.7	558.2	670.3	1,228.5	5.7	45.4
Melbourne	448.6	24.0	10.9	34.9	483.5	547.4	1,030.9	7.2	46.9
Brisbane	149.2	7.4	*	10.8	159.9	228.5	388.5	6.7	41.2
Adelaide	157.0	8.2	*	10.6	167.6	196.4	364.0	6.3	46.0
Perth	142.3	8.9	3.0	11.8	154.2	169.5	323.7	7.7	47.6
Hobart	24.7	*	*	1.5	26.1	35.9	62.1	5.6	42.1
<i>Total</i>	<i>1,448.4</i>	<i>73.3</i>	<i>27.9</i>	<i>101.2</i>	<i>1,549.6</i>	<i>1,848.1</i>	<i>3,397.6</i>	<i>6.5</i>	<i>45.6</i>
PERSONS									
Sydney	1,377.3	65.0	10.0	75.0	1,452.3	930.4	2,382.7	5.2	61.0
Melbourne	1,192.7	53.9	12.6	66.4	1,259.2	755.0	2,014.2	5.3	62.5
Brisbane	412.9	24.6	3.8	28.5	441.3	309.6	750.9	6.4	58.8
Adelaide	403.9	26.5	3.1	29.7	433.6	272.3	705.9	6.8	61.4
Perth	366.8	23.9	4.0	27.8	394.6	236.8	631.4	7.1	62.5
Hobart	69.6	3.3	*	3.6	73.2	49.0	122.2	4.9	59.9
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,823.3</i>	<i>197.2</i>	<i>33.8</i>	<i>231.0</i>	<i>4,054.2</i>	<i>2,553.0</i>	<i>6,607.3</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>61.4</i>

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 5. For definitions see paragraphs 6 to 16.

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 5, page 18.

TABLE 5. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, BY EMPLOYMENT STATUS, BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD OF ARRIVAL IN AUSTRALIA, JULY 1978 (a)

	Employed		Unemployed		Labour force	Unemployment rate	Participation rate (b)		
	Full-time	Total	Looking for full-time work	Total					
	- '000 -								
MALES									
Born in Australia	2,643.0	2,799.7	142.7	149.7	2,949.4	5.1	78.5		
Born outside Australia	1,005.6	1,048.5	59.6	61.4	1,109.9	5.5	81.9		
Italy	n.a.	125.0	n.a.	5.6	130.6	4.3	84.8		
Greece	n.a.	59.6	n.a.	5.1	64.7	8.0	83.8		
Yugoslavia	n.a.	66.0	n.a.	*	69.6	*	88.3		
U.K. and Ireland	n.a.	381.5	n.a.	21.6	403.1	5.4	78.1		
New Zealand	n.a.	41.9	n.a.	*	46.1	*	86.2		
Other	n.a.	374.5	n.a.	21.4	395.9	5.4	83.3		
Arrived before 1961	437.1	455.2	18.8	19.2	474.4	4.0	75.9		
1961-1965	159.2	165.6	9.9	10.4	176.0	5.9	86.6		
1966-1970	212.2	221.1	13.2	13.4	234.5	5.7	87.4		
1971-1976	157.7	165.2	11.8	11.9	177.1	6.7	88.1		
Jan. 1977 to June 1978	39.3	41.4	6.0	6.5	47.8	13.5	84.1		
MARRIED WOMEN									
Born in Australia	518.2	953.3	25.5	45.0	998.3	4.5	40.1		
Born outside Australia	265.9	415.4	18.7	27.4	442.8	6.2	48.8		
Italy	n.a.	43.0	n.a.	*	45.3	*	42.9		
Greece	n.a.	29.5	n.a.	*	31.3	*	53.9		
Yugoslavia	n.a.	30.5	n.a.	*	32.7	*	59.7		
U.K. and Ireland	n.a.	152.1	n.a.	8.8	160.9	5.5	47.5		
New Zealand	n.a.	15.2	n.a.	*	16.0	*	50.9		
Other	n.a.	145.2	n.a.	11.4	156.6	7.3	49.2		
Arrived before 1961	90.3	159.5	*	6.3	165.7	3.8	41.5		
1961-1965	46.6	71.9	*	4.9	76.7	6.4	53.1		
1966-1970	62.9	93.9	4.7	6.1	100.0	6.1	56.4		
1971-1976	55.6	75.3	5.1	6.8	82.1	8.3	54.7		
Jan. 1977 to June 1978	10.5	14.9	*	*	18.2	*	51.1		
ALL FEMALES									
Born in Australia	1,027.1	1,589.5	89.2	121.1	1,710.6	7.1	43.3		
Born outside Australia	385.9	560.4	33.8	45.8	606.1	7.6	48.3		
Italy	n.a.	51.1	n.a.	*	54.4	*	43.5		
Greece	n.a.	34.3	n.a.	*	36.7	*	51.5		
Yugoslavia	n.a.	34.8	n.a.	*	38.3	*	56.6		
U.K. and Ireland	n.a.	215.3	n.a.	15.4	230.8	6.7	46.3		
New Zealand	n.a.	29.4	n.a.	*	32.8	*	61.3		
Other	n.a.	195.4	n.a.	17.8	213.2	8.3	48.5		
Arrived before 1961	120.6	197.3	4.5	8.3	205.6	4.1	38.0		
1961-1965	71.9	103.3	4.9	6.9	110.1	6.2	55.5		
1966-1970	93.4	129.5	10.2	12.7	142.2	8.9	56.7		
1971-1976	79.9	104.9	8.6	11.1	116.0	9.6	55.8		
Jan. 1977 to June 1978	20.1	25.4	5.5	6.8	32.1	21.0	56.0		
PERSONS									
Born in Australia	3,670.0	4,389.2	232.0	270.8	4,660.0	5.8	60.4		
Born outside Australia	1,391.5	1,608.9	93.5	107.2	1,716.1	6.2	65.7		
Italy	n.a.	176.0	n.a.	8.9	185.0	4.8	66.3		
Greece	n.a.	93.8	n.a.	7.5	101.4	7.4	68.3		
Yugoslavia	n.a.	100.8	n.a.	7.0	107.9	6.5	73.6		
U.K. and Ireland	n.a.	596.8	n.a.	37.0	633.9	5.8	62.4		
New Zealand	n.a.	71.4	n.a.	7.6	78.9	9.6	73.7		
Other	n.a.	569.9	n.a.	39.1	609.1	6.4	66.6		
Arrived before 1961	557.7	652.5	23.3	27.5	680.0	4.0	58.3		
1961-1965	231.1	268.9	14.8	17.3	286.2	6.0	71.3		
1966-1970	305.7	350.6	23.4	26.1	376.8	6.9	72.6		
1971-1976	237.6	270.1	20.4	23.0	293.1	7.9	71.6		
Jan. 1977 to June 1978	59.4	66.8	11.6	13.2	80.0	16.5	70.0		

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 5. For definitions see paragraphs 6 to 16. (b) Excludes persons in institutions. See definition, paragraph 12.

* Less than or based on a figure less than 4,500. See paragraph 5, page 18.

TABLE 6. CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE, BY AGE, JULY 1978 (a)

Age group (years)	Number ('000)				Participation rate (per cent)			
	Males	Married women	All females	Persons	Males	Married women	All females	Persons
15-19	391.2	20.5	365.1	756.4	60.1	52.0	58.3	59.2
20-24	535.3	176.2	409.1	944.3	90.4	56.5	69.0	79.7
25-34	1,079.9	438.7	562.9	1,642.8	96.0	46.2	50.5	73.4
35-44	813.6	405.7	461.9	1,275.5	96.1	56.2	57.0	77.0
45-54	718.0	289.1	350.2	1,068.2	91.6	45.5	46.9	69.8
55-59	286.0	74.6	104.2	390.2	83.2	28.1	30.0	56.5
60-64	165.6	26.7	43.1	208.8	59.3	13.2	14.3	35.9
65 and over	69.7	9.6	20.2	89.9	12.6	3.4	2.6	6.8
Total	4,059.3	1,441.1	2,316.8	6,376.1	78.5	42.3	43.7	60.9

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 5. For definitions see paragraphs 6 to 16.

TABLE 7. LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATES, BY AGE AND BIRTHPLACE, JULY 1978 (a)
(Per cent)

Age group (years)	Born in Australia			Born outside Australia		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
15-19	60.6	58.7	59.7	59.8	56.5	58.1
20-24	91.0	69.2	80.1	91.5	68.6	79.9
25-34	96.6	48.4	72.4	96.3	57.0	77.0
35-44	96.4	55.0	75.6	96.6	62.0	80.7
45-54	92.1	44.5	67.8	92.4	53.9	75.4
55-59	82.6	28.5	54.7	87.7	35.1	62.8
60-64	59.2	14.3	35.4	63.9	15.6	40.5
65 and over	14.5	3.0	7.9	10.0	*	6.1
Total	78.5	43.3	60.4	81.9	48.3	65.7

(a) Excludes persons in institutions. See definition, paragraph 12.

* Less than or based on a figure less than 4,500. See paragraph 5, page 18.

TABLE 8. EMPLOYED PERSONS ; FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STATUS, BY AGE, JULY 1978 (a)
('000)

	Age group (years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
Full-time workers	279.3	462.9	1,006.0	772.4	676.3	451.6	3,648.5
Part-time workers	53.8	29.2	30.5	17.3	18.0	51.0	199.7
Total	333.1	492.1	1,036.5	789.7	694.3	502.6	3,848.2
MARRIED WOMEN							
Full-time workers	13.9	131.2	226.0	199.1	160.0	53.9	784.1
Part-time workers	*	29.7	188.4	189.2	119.7	54.1	584.6
Total	17.4	160.9	414.4	388.3	279.7	107.9	1,368.7
ALL FEMALES							
Full-time workers	231.9	316.3	327.1	242.3	205.7	89.7	1,413.0
Part-time workers	73.6	56.4	203.5	199.2	131.7	72.4	736.9
Total	305.5	372.7	530.6	441.5	337.4	162.2	2,149.8
PERSONS							
Full-time workers	511.2	779.2	1,333.2	1,014.7	882.0	541.3	5,061.5
Part-time workers	127.4	85.6	234.0	216.5	149.7	123.4	936.5
Total	638.6	864.7	1,567.1	1,231.2	1,031.7	664.7	5,998.1

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 5. For definitions see paragraphs 6 to 16.

* Less than 4,500. See paragraph 5, page 18.

TABLE 9. EMPLOYED PERSONS, BY HOURS WORKED, JULY 1978 (a)

	<i>Males</i>	<i>Married women</i>	<i>Other females (b)</i>	<i>All females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
NUMBER EMPLOYED ('000)					
Weekly hours worked -					
0(c)	192.7	65.8	34.0	99.8	292.6
1-15	118.1	262.5	92.6	355.1	473.2
16-29	175.2	259.1	59.9	319.0	494.2
30-34	208.6	118.3	53.6	171.9	380.4
35-39	454.4	190.9	161.7	352.5	807.0
40	1,395.7	322.8	277.3	600.2	1,995.9
41-44	269.5	38.1	44.6	82.7	352.2
45-48	345.8	40.0	28.1	68.1	413.9
49 and over	688.2	71.2	29.3	100.5	788.7
Total	3,848.2	1,368.7	781.1	2,149.8	5,998.1
WEEKLY HOURS WORKED (a)					
Aggregate weekly hours worked (million)					
By full-time workers	153.0	39.5	25.6	65.0	218.0
By part-time workers	149.7	30.0	23.6	53.6	203.3
	3.2	9.4	2.0	11.4	14.7
Average weekly hours worked					
By full-time workers	39.8	28.8	32.8	30.3	36.4
By part-time workers	41.0	38.3	37.5	37.9	40.2
	16.3	16.1	13.2	15.5	15.7
By wage and salary earners					
By others (d)	38.5	29.0	32.7	30.4	35.5
	46.2	28.2	35.5	28.9	41.3

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 5. For definitions see paragraphs 6 to 16. The figures relate to hours worked, not hours paid for. See paragraph 14. (b) Never married, widowed and divorced. (c) Persons who had a job but were not at work. See definition, paragraph 14. (d) Employers; self-employed persons; unpaid family helpers who worked 15 hours or more in the survey week.

TABLE 10. FULL-TIME WORKERS WHO WORKED LESS THAN 35 HOURS, BY REASON, JULY 1978 (a)
('000)

<i>Reason for working less than 35 hours</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Married women</i>	<i>Other females (b)</i>	<i>All females</i>	<i>Persons</i>
Leave, holiday or flexitime	200.7	56.6	37.8	94.4	295.2
Own illness or injury	173.1	41.9	38.8	80.7	253.8
Bad weather, plant breakdown, etc.	39.9	4.8	*	5.4	45.3
Began or left job in the survey week	11.0	*	*	*	15.4
Stood down, on short time, insufficient work	35.4	8.9	*	13.0	48.4
Other reasons	34.7	7.0	*	11.0	45.7
Total	494.9	121.2	87.8	209.0	703.9

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 5. For definitions see paragraphs 6 to 16. (b) Never married, widowed and divorced.

* Less than 4,500. See paragraph 5, page 18.

TABLE 11. PART-TIME WORKERS : WHETHER PREFERRED TO WORK MORE HOURS AND WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK, BY AGE, JULY 1978 (a)
('000)

	Age group (years)						Total
	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55 and over	
MALES							
Total	53.8	29.2	30.5	17.3	18.0	51.0	199.7
Preferred not to work more hours	40.8	22.6	22.1	13.5	14.3	48.5	161.8
Preferred to work more hours	13.0	6.6	8.4	*	*	*	37.9
Had actively looked for full-time work (b)	5.5	—	7.3	*	*	*	16.8
MARRIED WOMEN							
Total	*	29.7	188.4	189.2	119.7	54.1	584.6
Preferred not to work more hours	*	24.0	165.4	172.1	112.0	52.7	528.2
Preferred to work more hours	*	5.7	23.0	17.1	7.7	*	56.4
Had actively looked for full-time work (b)	*	—	6.3	*	*	*	10.6
ALL FEMALES							
Total	73.6	56.4	203.5	199.2	131.7	72.4	736.9
Preferred not to work more hours	59.0	45.5	177.0	180.0	121.6	70.5	653.7
Preferred to work more hours	14.6	10.9	26.5	19.2	10.1	*	83.2
Had actively looked for full-time work (b)	6.1	5.2	6.5	4.5	*	*	24.3
PERSONS							
Total	127.4	85.6	234.0	216.5	149.7	123.4	936.5
Preferred not to work more hours	99.8	68.2	199.1	193.5	135.9	119.0	815.5
Preferred to work more hours	27.6	17.4	34.9	23.0	13.7	4.5	121.1
Had actively looked for full-time work (b)	11.6	8.3	10.6	6.8	*	*	41.0

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 5. For definitions see paragraphs 6 to 16. (b) Had actively looked for full-time work in the four weeks up to the end of the survey week.

* Less than 4,500. See paragraph 5, page 18.

TABLE 12. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY AGE AND WHETHER LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME OR PART-TIME WORK, JULY 1978 (a)

	Number unemployed ('000)					Unemployment rate (per cent)				
	Married males	All males	Married females	All females	All persons	Married males	All males	Married females	All females	All persons
LOOKING FOR FULL-TIME WORK										
Total	77.2	202.4	44.1	123.0	325.4	2.8	5.3	5.3	8.0	6.0
Aged 15-19 years	*	52.8	*	49.3	102.1	*	15.9	*	17.5	16.6
Looking for first job	*	14.1	*	17.8	31.9	..	..	..	..	..
Not looking for first job	*	38.8	*	31.4	70.2	..	..	..	..	..
Attending school	*	*	*	*	6.7	..	..	..	..	..
Aged 20 years and over	76.4	149.5	41.8	73.8	223.3	2.8	4.2	5.2	5.9	4.7
20-24 years	8.3	42.5	11.1	30.6	73.0	5.4	8.4	7.8	8.8	8.6
25-34 years	23.5	42.3	13.8	20.5	62.8	2.9	4.0	5.8	5.9	4.5
35-44 years		23.7	10.0	12.2	35.9		3.0	4.8	4.8	3.4
45-54 years		23.3	5.8	8.5	31.8		3.3	3.5	4.0	3.5
55 years and over		17.8	*	*	19.8		3.8	*	*	3.5
LOOKING FOR PART-TIME WORK										
Total	*	8.7	28.2	43.9	52.6	*	4.2	4.6	5.6	5.3
Aged 15-19 years	*	5.3	*	10.4	15.7	*	9.0	*	12.3	11.0
Attending school	*	*	*	7.3	11.1	..	..	..	..	..
Aged 20 years and over	*	*	27.5	33.5	36.9	*	*	4.5	4.8	4.4
20-24 years	*	*	*	5.8	6.5	*	*	*	9.3	7.1
25-34 years	*	*	10.5	11.8	12.9	*	*	5.3	5.5	5.2
35-44 years	*	*	7.3	8.2	8.4	*	*	3.7	3.9	3.7
45-54 years	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	3.1
55 years and over	*	*	*	5.4	7.7	{	*	*	3.0	3.6
TOTAL										
Total	79.1	211.1	72.4	166.9	378.0	2.8	5.2	5.0	7.2	5.9
Aged 15-19 years	*	58.2	*	59.6	117.8	*	14.9	*	16.3	15.6
Attending school	*	7.8	*	10.1	17.8	..	..	..	..	..
Aged 20 years and over	78.3	152.9	69.3	107.3	260.2	2.8	4.2	4.9	5.5	4.6
20-24 years	8.3	43.2	15.4	36.4	79.6	5.2	8.1	8.7	8.9	8.4
25-34 years	23.8	43.4	24.3	32.3	75.7	2.8	4.0	5.5	5.7	4.6
35-44 years	17.8	23.9	17.3	20.4	44.3	2.5	2.9	4.3	4.4	3.5
45-54 years	15.5	23.8	9.4	12.8	36.6	2.4	3.3	3.2	3.7	3.4
55 years and over	12.9	18.7	*	5.4	24.1	2.9	3.6	*	3.2	3.5

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 5. For definitions see paragraphs 6 to 16.

* Less than or based on a figure less than 4,500. See paragraph 5, page 18.

TABLE 13. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY AGE, STATES, JULY 1978 (a)
('000)

Age group (years)	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australia (b)
MALES							
15-19	18.0	13.8	9.2	8.3	5.0	2.4	58.2
20-34	28.8	16.2	16.7	9.7	10.6	2.7	86.6
35 and over	25.6	13.3	12.3	6.7	5.6	1.8	66.3
Total	72.4	43.3	38.2	24.7	21.2	7.0	211.1
FEMALES							
15-19	20.7	12.4	10.7	6.5	5.2	2.1	59.6
20-34	24.5	20.6	8.4	5.6	6.7	1.8	68.7
35 and over	13.3	13.3	4.4	2.9	3.5	*	38.6
Total	58.6	46.4	23.5	15.0	15.3	4.5	166.9
PERSONS							
15-19	38.7	26.3	19.9	14.8	10.2	4.5	117.8
20-34	53.3	36.8	25.1	15.3	17.3	4.6	155.3
35 and over	38.9	26.6	16.7	9.6	9.0	2.4	104.9
Total	131.0	89.7	61.7	39.7	36.5	11.4	378.0

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 5. For definitions see paragraphs 6 to 16. (b) Includes the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

* Subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See paragraph 5, page 18.

TABLE 14. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY AGE AND BIRTHPLACE, JULY 1978 (a)

Age group (years)	Number unemployed ('000)			Unemployment rate (per cent)		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
BORN IN AUSTRALIA						
15-19	48.5	50.4	98.9	14.4	16.1	15.2
20 and over	101.2	70.7	171.9	3.9	5.1	4.3
20-24	33.5	28.8	62.3	7.7	8.6	8.1
25-34	28.3	20.4	48.7	3.6	5.2	4.2
35 and over	39.3	21.5	60.9	2.8	3.2	2.9
Total	149.7	121.1	270.8	5.1	7.1	5.8
BORN OUTSIDE AUSTRALIA						
15-19	9.7	9.2	18.9	17.9	17.8	17.8
20 and over	51.7	36.6	88.3	4.9	6.6	5.5
20-24	9.7	7.6	17.3	9.9	10.1	10.0
25-34	15.1	11.9	27.0	5.0	7.0	5.7
35 and over	27.0	17.1	44.0	4.1	5.5	4.6
Total	61.4	45.8	107.2	5.5	7.6	6.2

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 5. For definitions see paragraphs 6 to 16.

TABLE 15. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB
JULY 1978 (a)

Industry division or sub-division	Number ('000)	Occupation group	Number ('000)
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years	259.0	Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years	259.0
Agriculture and services to agriculture	17.0	Professional, technical, etc.	11.7
Manufacturing	72.1	Administrative, executive and managerial	5.5
Food, beverages and tobacco	16.4	Clerical	28.9
Metal products, machinery and equipment	14.0	Sales	26.5
Other manufacturing	41.7	Farmers, fishermen, timber-getters, etc.	18.6
Construction	33.0	Miners, quarrymen, etc.	*
Wholesale and retail trade	59.4	Transport and communication	14.0
Transport and storage	12.5	Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.	126.1
Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	11.3	Metal and electrical workers	31.4
Community services	18.2	Building workers	24.2
Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services	22.2	Other tradesmen, etc.	70.5
Other industries	13.4	Service, sport and recreation	26.8
Other (b)	119.0		
Total	378.0		

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 5. For definitions see paragraphs 6 to 17. (b) Had never worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job or had not done so in the last two years. Industry and occupation were not obtained for these persons.

* Less than or based on a figure less than 4,500. See paragraph 5, page 18.

TABLE 16. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT (a), BY AGE, ETC., JULY 1978 (b)

Duration of unemployment (weeks) (a)	Age (years)			Married	Not married (c)	Looking for -				
	15-19	20-24	25 and over			Full-time work	Part-time work	Total		
MALES										
Number unemployed ('000) -										
Under 2	4.6	*	6.0	4.8	8.6	12.5		13.3		
2 and under 4	5.4	5.1	12.2	10.8	11.9	20.5		22.7		
4 and under 8	10.9	7.1	15.1	11.3	21.9	31.9	5.0	33.1		
8 and under 13	6.1	7.4	14.1	10.5	17.1	26.9		27.6		
13 and under 26	12.3	8.7	19.5	15.4	25.2	39.5	*	40.6		
26 and under 39	12.4	5.5	13.9	8.3	23.4	30.4	*	31.8		
39 and under 52	*	*	6.4	*	4.9	8.7	*	9.1		
52 and under 65			7.8	5.6	7.3	12.7	*	12.9		
65 and over	4.9	5.4	14.7	8.2	11.7	19.2	*	19.9		
Total	58.2	43.2	109.7	79.1	132.0	202.4	8.7	211.1		
Average duration of unemployment	20.0	20.6	30.1	26.2	24.9	25.6	21.0	25.4		
FEMALES										
Number unemployed ('000) -										
Under 2	*	4.8	9.8	10.5	7.4	10.1	7.8	17.9		
2 and under 4	5.7	*	9.3	9.2	9.6	10.3	8.5	18.8		
4 and under 8	9.6	7.1	10.5	11.4	15.9	19.4	7.9	27.3		
8 and under 13	7.1	*	7.6	9.0	8.4	12.9	*	17.4		
13 and under 26	11.7	7.1	9.9	11.1	17.6	21.5	7.1	28.7		
26 and under 39	11.5	*	4.9	9.1	9.4	20.8	4.7	24.7		
39 and under 52	*			7.1	6.5	6.2	4.9	5.6		
52 and under 65	*	*			6.5	6.0	*	7.1		
65 and over	6.8	5.1	7.6	5.4	14.1	17.1	*	19.5		
Total	59.6	36.4	70.9	72.4	94.5	123.0	43.9	166.9		
Average duration of unemployment	25.9	27.9	27.7	21.1	31.7	30.6	17.3	27.1		
PERSONS										
Number unemployed ('000) -										
Under 2	7.9	7.6	15.7	15.3	16.0	22.6	8.7	31.3		
2 and under 4	11.1	8.8	21.5	19.9	21.5	30.8	10.6	41.5		
4 and under 8	20.5	14.2	25.7	22.6	37.8	51.3	9.1	60.4		
8 and under 13	13.3	10.0	21.7	19.5	25.5	39.9	5.1	45.0		
13 and under 26	23.9	15.8	29.4	26.5	42.7	61.0	8.2	69.2		
26 and under 39	23.9	9.7	23.0	17.7	38.8	51.2	5.3	56.5		
39 and under 52			9.3	6.7	8.1	13.6		14.8		
52 and under 65	7.6	5.9		12.0	9.7	10.3	18.6	20.0		
65 and over	9.6	7.5	22.3	13.6	25.9	36.3	5.5	39.4		
Total	117.8	79.6	180.6	151.5	226.5	325.4	52.6	378.0		
Average duration of unemployment	23.0	23.9	29.2	23.7	27.7	27.5	17.9	26.1		

(a) Period from the time the person began looking for work, or was laid off, to the end of the survey week. Periods of unemployment are recorded in complete weeks and this results in a slight understatement of duration. (b) For scope of estimates see paragraph 5. For definitions see paragraphs 6 to 16. (c) Never married, widowed and divorced.

* Less than 4,500. See paragraph 5, page 18.

TABLE 17. UNEMPLOYED PERSONS, BY INDUSTRY AND OCCUPATION OF LAST FULL-TIME JOB AND DURATION OF UNEMPLOYMENT, JULY 1978 (a)
('000)

	Duration of unemployment (weeks)							Total
	Under 4	4 and under 8	8 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 65	65 and over	
Had worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job in the last two years	49.7	45.9	35.5	53.7	35.3	25.9	13.0	259.0
Industry division –								
Manufacturing	12.8	11.1	12.4	13.9	9.6	8.4	*	72.1
Construction	5.3	5.8	4.6	7.3	4.5	—	—	33.0
Wholesale and retail trade	11.7	11.9	6.9	11.6	8.3	5.7	*	59.4
Finance, insurance, real estate and business services	—	5.4	—	—	4.7	—	*	11.3
Community services	4.7	—	5.9	—	—	—	*	18.2
Entertainment, recreation, restaurants, hotels and personal services	4.7	—	6.7	—	—	7.6	—	22.2
Other industries	8.4	6.0	5.2	11.1	6.2	—	5.9	42.9
Occupation group (b) –								
Professional, technical, etc.	—	6.4	—	—	4.9	—	—	11.7
Clerical	7.0	5.6	—	6.2	—	6.2	—	28.9
Sales	*	6.8	—	5.7	—	4.8	—	26.5
Farmers, fishermen, etc.	—	5.8	—	5.1	*	—	*	18.6
Transport and communication	—	6.2	—	—	6.2	—	—	14.0
Tradesmen, production-process workers and labourers, n.e.c.	22.9	20.6	18.1	24.5	17.4	15.4	7.2	126.1
Metal and electrical workers	7.0	5.0	4.7	5.4	—	7.3	—	31.4
Building workers	5.2	—	7.4	—	4.6	—	—	24.2
Other tradesmen, etc.	10.7	11.3	10.4	14.5	9.2	10.3	—	70.5
Service, sport and recreation	5.4	5.2	*	5.0	—	6.6	—	26.8
Other (c)	23.0	14.6	9.5	15.5	21.2	8.8	26.4	119.0
Total	72.7	60.4	45.0	69.2	56.5	34.7	39.4	378.0

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 5. For definitions see paragraphs 6 to 17. See footnote (a) to Table 16. Duration of unemployment is not available for all industry divisions or occupational groups because of the high standard error of the estimates. (b) Excludes administrative, executive and managerial workers; and miners, quarrymen and related workers. (c) Had never worked for two weeks or more in a full-time job or had not done so in the last two years. Industry and occupation were not obtained for these persons.

* Less than 4,500. See paragraph 5, page 18.

TABLE 18. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE, BY AGE AND MARITAL STATUS, ETC., JULY 1978 (a)

	Married males	Other males (b)	All males	Married women	Other females (b)	All females	Persons	Per cent of population (c)
								— per cent —
— '000 —								
Age (years)								
15-19	*	259.4	260.0	19.0	241.7	260.6	520.6	40.8
20-24	6.7	50.3	57.0	135.5	48.4	183.9	240.9	20.3
25-34	23.1	21.8	44.8	511.8	39.5	551.3	596.1	26.6
35-44	22.5	10.2	32.7	316.0	32.4	348.4	381.1	23.0
45-54	45.8	20.3	66.1	345.9	50.1	396.0	462.1	30.2
55-59	43.9	13.8	57.6	191.3	52.0	243.3	300.9	43.5
60-64	90.7	22.9	113.5	174.7	83.9	258.7	372.2	64.1
65 and over	349.9	133.1	483.0	273.7	469.0	742.7	1,225.7	93.2
Total	583.1	531.7	1,114.8	1,967.8	1,017.0	2,984.8	4,099.6	39.1
Permanently unable to work	..	..	23.9	..	..	16.7	40.6	..
In institutions	..	..	61.1	..	..	94.6	155.7	..
Aged 15-20 years attending school	..	..	216.3	..	..	188.7	405.0	..

(a) For scope of estimates see paragraph 5. For definitions see paragraphs 6 to 16. (b) Never married, widowed and divorced. (c) Persons not in the labour force as a percentage of the civilian population in the same group.

* Less than 4,500. See paragraph 5, page 18.

TECHNICAL NOTE

Estimation procedure

The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a complex ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the survey estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population by age and sex, rather than to the age and sex distribution within the sample itself.

Reliability of the estimates

2. Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings the estimates and the movements derived from them are subject to sampling variability; that is, they may differ from the figures that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the surveys. One measure of the likely difference is given by the *standard error*, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the figure that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors.

3. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this bulletin. Standard errors of estimates for the latest month and of estimates of movements since the previous month are shown in Table 1. Standard errors of other estimates and other monthly movements should be determined by using Tables A and B on page 19. Because of the reduction in the sample size for November 1975 and November 1977 surveys (see November 1975 and February 1978 issues of this bulletin for details), the standard errors for all estimates from these surveys except those for unemployed persons looking for full-time work in November 1977 are approximately 15 per cent higher than those shown. The standard errors in Table A apply to estimates for all other surveys.

4. The size of the standard error increases with the level of the estimate, so that the larger the estimate the larger the standard error. However, it should be noted that the larger the sample estimate the smaller will be the standard error in percentage terms. Thus, larger sample estimates will be relatively more reliable than smaller estimates.

5. Very small estimates are subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In the tables in this bulletin, estimates below the levels shown in Table A have not been included. Although figures for these small components can in some cases be derived by subtraction, they should not be regarded as reliable.

6. The movement in the level of an estimate is also subject to sampling variability. The standard error of the movement depends on the levels of the estimates from which the movement is obtained rather than the size of

the movement. An indication of the magnitude of standard errors of monthly movements is given in Table B on page 19. The estimates of standard error of monthly movements apply only to estimates of movements between two consecutive months. Movements between corresponding months of consecutive years, or between two other non-consecutive months, will generally be subject to somewhat greater sampling variability than is indicated in Table B. A guide to the standard errors, of *quarterly* movements for periods from February 1978 can be obtained by multiplying the figures in the table of standard errors of monthly movements (Table B) by 1.4. Standard errors of quarterly movements for periods up to February 1978 were published in the Technical Note in the February 1978 issue of this bulletin.

7. Examples of the calculation and use of standard errors are given below :

- (a) The estimated number of employed females in July 1978 is 2,149,800. From Table A it will be seen that the estimate has a standard error of about 11,400 and therefore there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall within the range 2,138,400 to 2,161,200 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 2,127,000 to 2,172,600.
- (b) The estimate of movement in the number of employed females from June to July 1978 is an increase of 17,900. Table B relates the standard error of the monthly movement to the size of the larger of the two estimates from which the movement is derived. In this case the July 1978 estimate (2,149,800) is the larger. From Table B it will be seen that the standard error of the monthly movement is about 8,300. Therefore there are about two chances in three that if all dwellings had been included in the surveys the movement would have been within the range 9,600 to 26,200 and about nineteen chances in twenty that it would have been within the range 1,300 to 34,500.

8. The standard errors of estimates relating to agricultural employment are generally somewhat higher than the standard errors of other estimates of the same magnitude. Estimates for females also tend to have higher standard errors than estimates of equivalent size for males in similar employment categories.

9. The reliability of an estimated percentage, computed by using sample data for both numerator and denominator, depends upon both the size of the numerator and the size of the denominator. However, the per cent standard error of the estimated percentage will generally be lower than the per cent standard error of the estimate of the numerator. The per cent standard errors of the numerators can be obtained from Table A.

10. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents. Inaccuracies of this kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error*, and they may occur in any

enumeration, whether it be a full count or only a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sampling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

TABLE A – STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

Size of estimate	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia	
	- number -								Per cent of estimate	
1,500						300				
2,000						340	470	440		
2,500				510	510	380	510	480		
3,000				550	560	410	550	510		
3,500			740	590	590	430	590	540		
4,000			780	620	630	460	620	560		
4,500	1,000	1,000	820	650	660	480	650	590	970	21.6
5,000	1,100	1,100	860	680	690	500	680	610	1,000	20.0
6,000	1,200	1,200	930	730	750	530	740	650	1,100	18.0
10,000	1,500	1,400	1,200	900	920	640	910	750	1,400	14.0
20,000	2,000	1,900	1,500	1,200	1,200	810	1,200	910	2,000	10.0
50,000	3,000	2,700	2,200	1,600	1,700	1,100	1,700	1,100	2,900	5.8
100,000	3,900	3,500	2,800	2,100	2,100	1,300		1,300	3,900	3.9
200,000	5,000	4,400	3,600	2,600	2,600	1,500			5,100	2.6
300,000	5,800	5,000	4,100	2,900	2,900				6,000	2.0
500,000	6,900	5,800	4,800	3,300	3,900				7,200	1.4
1,000,000	8,500	7,000	5,900						9,100	0.9
2,000,000	10,000	8,400							11,000	0.6
5,000,000									15,000	0.3

TABLE B – STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES OF MONTHLY MOVEMENTS

POPULATION SURVEY REPORTS

Although emphasis in the population survey is placed on the regular collection of data on demographic and labour force characteristics, supplementary surveys of particular aspects of the labour force or of other subjects are carried out from time to time. The results of these surveys are published separately. Copies of the following publications are available free on request.

<i>Title</i>	<i>Catalogue No.</i>
Alcohol and Tobacco Consumption Patterns, February 1977 (Preliminary)	4308.0
Annual Leave, August 1974	6317.0
Assisted and Unassisted Migrants, August 1972	3406.0
Australian Ex-service Personnel, Survey of, November 1966	4403.0
Ex-service Personnel, Widows and Children, November 1971	4403.0
Child Care –	
May 1969; May 1973; May 1977	4402.0
Chronic Illnesses, Injuries and Impairments –	
May 1968; May 1974	4305.0
Evening and Night Work, November 1976	6329.0
Family Status and Employment Status of the Population, November 1974 and November 1975	6223.0
Frequency of Pay –	
August 1974; August 1976; August 1977	6320.0
Income Distribution, 1968-69 (Consolidated and Revised Edition)	6505.0
Income Distribution, 1973-74 –	
Part 1	6502.0
Part 2	6503.0
Part 3 (Supplementary Tables)	6504.0
Internal Migration –	
1969-70 to 1972-73 (annually); Twelve months ended April 1972, 1973 and 1974; December 1974; January 1977	3408.0
Job Tenure –	
February 1974; February 1975; August 1976	6211.0
Journey to Work and Journey to School –	
May 1970; August 1974	9205.0
Labour Force Experience –	
During 1968; During 1972; During 1974; During 1975; During 1976	6206.0
Labour Force Status and Other Characteristics of Families, November 1974	6224.0
Labour Mobility –	
November 1972; February 1975; February 1976	6209.0
Leavers from Schools, Universities and Other Educational Institutions, Survey of –	
February 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967	6227.0
February 1968, 1969 and 1970; February 1971 to February 1974 (Annually); May 1975; May 1976; August 1977	6227.0
Migrants in the Labour Force	6230.0
Multiple Jobholding –	
November 1965; August 1966; August 1967; May 1971; August 1973; August 1975; August 1977	6216.0
Non-School Study Courses, Survey of, August 1968	Not listed
Persons Covered by Hospital and Medical Expenditure Assistance Schemes, August 1972	4303.0
Persons Aged 15 to 64 Years : Employment Status and Period Since Leaving School, May 1976	6225.0
Persons Not in the Labour Force –	
November 1975; May 1977	6220.0
Persons Looking for Work –	
May 1976; November 1976; May 1977	6222.0
School Leavers, 1970 to 1974 : Their Employment Status and Education Experience in May 1975	6226.0
Superannuation, Survey of –	
Victoria, May 1968	Not listed
February 1974	6319.0
The Labour Force : Country of Birth and Period of Residence, February 1972	6207.0
Trade Union Members, November 1976	6325.0
Weekly Earnings of Employees (Distribution) –	
August 1975; August 1976; August 1977	6310.0
Work Patterns of Employees, November 1976	6328.0